



*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*  
*Division of Marine Fisheries*  
Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station  
30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester 01930

June, 2006

Dear Striped Bass Permit Holder:

Enclosed please find a blank 2006 Striped Bass catch report, log and inshore statistical reporting map. Please be sure to read this letter and the instructions on the report carefully.

As a requirement of your permit, you must complete and sign the first page of the catch report whether you fished for striped bass or not in 2006. If you sell fish during the 2006 season, you must complete the dealer transaction table on page 2 in addition to page 1. Do not just complete page 2 of the report. Keep in mind that you may sell fish only to seafood dealers authorized to purchase striped bass in Massachusetts. A list of those dealers and their permit numbers can be found on the back of this letter or on our website (along with extra catch report forms, log sheets and maps) at: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries)

Make sure your name, state permit and ID numbers are entered on the catch report, the dealer transaction table and on the log, if used. Please be sure to fill in all applicable fields (i.e., number of trips and hours fished, area fished, pounds caught, sub-legal catch etc). It is important to include the number of released sub-legal fish and estimated pounds. If an incomplete report is submitted, it will be mailed back for corrections and will result in the delay of your 2007 permit renewal if not corrected.

The log on the fourth page, although not required to be used, is provided as a means of recording your striped bass fishing activity, and can be helpful when completing the catch report on pages 1 and 2 at the end of the season. If you decide to use the log, we ask that you record all striped bass caught per length bin (inches) and category (sold, released or consumed) for each day and area fished. If you fished in more than one area during a single day, please record the bass caught in each area on separate lines. See the example on the log to help guide you in its use. This length information has proven to be extremely helpful when assessing stock size.

Please submit the completed report no later than **OCTOBER 15, 2006** to: MA Division of Marine Fisheries  
Statistics Project  
30 Emerson Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930

**\*\*\*Reports received after October 15, 2006 may result in the non-renewal of your 2007 Striped Bass Endorsement\*\*\***

**COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS:** The commercial fishery starts on July 12, 2006 and will remain open until the quota of 1,140,807 pounds is reached. The commercial size limit is 34 inches total length. Striped Bass may only be harvested by hook and line. They must be kept whole, with head, tail and body intact - mutilation (other than evisceration) is prohibited. Commercial fishermen may not possess or land more than 30 striped bass per day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays and 5 striped bass per day on Sundays during the open season. No commercial landings or possession of more than two fish per angler is allowed on Monday, Friday, and Saturday.

**RECREATIONAL REGULATIONS:** The recreational size limit is 28 inches total length, and the possession limit is 2 fish per day. The discard of dead, legal size striped bass is prohibited. To prohibit the practice of high-grading, recreational fishermen may not retain legal-sized striped bass and release said fish in favor of another larger legal-sized striped bass captured subsequently. It shall be unlawful to keep striped bass alive in the water by attaching a line or chain to the fish or placing the fish in a live well or holding car.

**NOTE: Harvest or possession of striped bass, by commercial or recreational fishermen, while in waters outside the state's territorial limit, (otherwise known as federal waters or the EEZ), is strictly prohibited.** See the reporting map for a definition of the state's territorial limit. Areas 1 – 14 on the map define the state's territorial waters.

If you have any questions about the catch report, please contact the MADMF Statistics Project at 978-282-0308 x115 (Story Reed), x104 (Micah Dean), and x112 (Tom Hoopes). Regulation information and updated quota totals may be obtained from the Division's website at: [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries) or by calling the Gloucester office at the above number, and dialing 7 at the greeting prompt to obtain information from our 24-hour quota species hotline.

Sincerely,  
MADMF Statistics Project